

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WAIVER INFORMATION PACKET

The intent of the Medicaid Home and Community Based Children's Mental Health Waiver (HCBS CMH) is to identify services/supports that are not available through other mental health programs/services that can be utilized in conjunction with traditional services to develop a comprehensive support system for children with serious emotional disturbance. These services will allow children in this targeted population to remain in their own homes and communities.

GENERAL PARAMETERS

- The monthly total cost of CMH Waiver services cannot exceed \$1,967.00.
- The waiver cap of children served is 1144.
- The child and family must choose HCBS services as an alternative to institutional services.
- The child must receive Medicaid targeted case management or Integrated Health Home services when CMH Waiver services begin.
- An interdisciplinary team (IDT) meets to plan the interventions and supports a child and family need to safely maintain the child's physical and mental health in her or his home. The team shall consist of the child, his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), Medicaid targeted case manager, Integrated Health Home, service provider(s), mental health professional(s), and any other person(s) that the child and his/her family choose to include.
- Each child will have an individualized comprehensive plan (ICP) collaboratively developed with the IDT. This plan documents the agreed upon goals, objectives and service activities. Also collaboratively developed with the IDT, is an individual crisis plan that is designed to enable the child and family to prevent, self-manage, alleviate or end a crisis.
- The ICP must be completed prior to implementation of services and must be reviewed/updated annually.
- In order to receive CMH Waiver services, an approved CMH Waiver service provider must be available to provide the waiver services agreed upon.
- A child, who is eligible for CMH Waiver services, is also eligible to receive mental health services through the Iowa Plan.
- Medicaid waiver services cannot be simultaneously reimbursed with another Medicaid waiver service or Medicaid service.
- CMH Waiver services cannot be provided when a child is an inpatient of a medical institution.
- A child must need and use, at a minimum, of one unit of waiver service during each quarter of the calendar year.
- A child who does not reside in his/her home for a period of sixty consecutive days shall forfeit CMH Waiver eligibility.
- A child shall access all other services for which he/she is eligible and which is appropriate to meet his/her needs as a precondition of eligibility for the CMH Waiver.
- Following is the hierarchy for accessing waiver services:
 - Private insurances
 - Iowa Plan
 - Medicaid and/or EPSDT (Care For Kids)
 - Children's Mental Health Waiver services

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Children may be eligible for HCBS CMH Waiver services by meeting the following criteria:

- Be an Iowa resident.
- Be aged from birth to age 18 years of age.
- Be determined eligible for Medicaid (Title XIX). Members may be Medicaid eligible prior to accessing waiver services or be determined eligible through the application process for the waiver program. Additional opportunities to access Medicaid may be available through the waiver program even if the child was previously been determined ineligible. May be SSI-related or FMAP-related.
- Has a diagnosis of serious emotional disturbance as verified by a psychiatrist, psychologist or mental health professional within the past twelve months:

Serious emotional disturbance means a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that (1) is of sufficient duration to meet the diagnosis criteria for the disorder specified by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (IME specified edition) and (2) has resulted in a functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits a child's role or functioning in family, school, or community activities. Serious emotional disturbance shall not include developmental disorders, substance-related disorders, or conditions or problems classified in the DSM as "other conditions that may be a focus of clinical attention (V codes) unless they co-occur with another diagnosable serious emotional disturbance."

- Be determined by Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) Medical Services to need Hospital level of care.

SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

CMH Waiver services are individualized to meet the needs of each child. Decisions regarding what services are appropriate, the number of units or the dollar amounts of the appropriate services are based on the child's needs as determined by the child's family and an interdisciplinary team.

The CMH Waiver services include:

- Environmental Modifications and Adaptive Devices
- Family and Community Support Services
- In Home Family Therapy
- Respite

ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS, ADAPTIVE DEVICES

WHAT: Environmental modifications and adaptive devices are items installed or used within the child's home that address specific documented mental health, health or safety concerns. This service shall be provided under the recommendation and direction of the mental health professionals that are included on the child's interdisciplinary team. Items may include, but are not limited to, smoke alarms, window/door alarms, pager supports, motion sensors and fencing.

WHERE: In/on the child's home

DOES NOT INCLUDE: Adaptions available through Medicaid State Plan Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies

UNIT:	A unit is the cost of a purchased and/or installed modification or adaptive device.
MAXIMUM:	Beginning 7/1/13, the member is eligible for up to \$6366.61 per year. Any changes to this amount can be found in the Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 79.1(2).

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS SERVICES

WHAT: This service shall be provided under the recommendation and direction of the mental health professionals that are included in the child's interdisciplinary team. This service shall support the child and family by helping them with the development and implementation of strategies and interventions that will result in the reduction of stress and depression, and will increase the child's and family's social and emotional strength. Depending on the needs of the child and family members (individually or collectively), family and community support services may be provided to the child, to the child's family members, or to the child and family members as a family unit. This service shall incorporate recommended support interventions and activities that may include the following:

- Developing and maintaining a crisis support network for the member and for the member's family
- Modeling and coaching effective coping strategies for the member's family members.
- Building resilience to the stigma of serious emotional disturbance for the member and the family.
- Reducing the stigma of serious emotional disturbance by the development of relationships with peers and community members.
- Modeling and coaching the strategies and interventions identified in the member's crisis intervention plan as defined in 441—24.1(225C) for life situations with the member's family and in the community.
- Developing medication management skills.
- Developing personal hygiene and grooming skills that contribute to the member's positive self-image.
- Developing positive socialization and citizenship skills.

Transportation and Therapeutic Resources:

The Family and Community Support Services may include an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 annually per child for transportation within the community and/or purchase of therapeutic resources. Therapeutic resources may include books, training packages, and visual or audio media as recommended by the mental health professionals that are included in the child's interdisciplinary team. The therapeutic resources are the property of the child and family. The interdisciplinary team must identify the transportation or therapeutic resources as a support need and must verify that the child, the child's family or legal guardian, or community resources must be listed in the child's individual comprehensive plan.

Providers must maintain records to ensure the transportation or therapeutic resources provided do not exceed the maximum amount authorized in the child's individual comprehensive plan. Transportation and therapeutic resources must be clearly identified and supported in the annual cost reporting requirements found in IAC 441-79.1(25)"a" (1).

WHERE:	In the child's home or community.
DOES NOT INCLUDE:	Vocational and prevocational services, supported employment services, room and board, academic services, general supervision, childcare, parenting or case management.
UNITS:	A unit is 15 minutes.

IN HOME FAMILY THERAPY

WHAT: In-home family therapy services are skilled therapeutic services provided to the child and family. Services will increase the child and family's ability to cope with the effects of the child's serious emotional disturbances on the family relationships. The goal of in-home family therapy is to maintain a cohesive family unit. The service must support the family in developing coping strategies that will enable the child to continue living within the family environment.

WHERE: In the child's home.

UNIT: A unit is 15 minutes.

RESPITE

WHAT: Respite care services are services provided to the member that gives temporary relief to the usual caregiver and provides all the necessary care that the usual caregiver would provide during that time period. The purpose of respite care is to enable the member to remain in the member's current living situation.

Specialized respite means respite provided on a staff to member ratio of one to one or higher for individuals with specialized medical needs requiring monitoring or supervision provided by a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

Group respite means respite provided on a staff to member ratio of less than one to one.

Basic individual respite means respite provided on a staff to member ratio of one to one or higher for individuals without specialized medical needs that would require care by a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

WHERE: Respite may be provided in the member's home, another family's home, camps, organized community programs (YMCA, recreation centers, senior citizens centers, etc.), ICF/MR, RCF/MR, hospital, nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, assisted living program, adult day care center, foster group care, foster family home or DHS licensed daycare.

Respite provided outside the member's home or outside a facility in locations covered by the facility's licensure, certification, accreditation, or contract must be approved by the parent, guardian, or primary caregiver and interdisciplinary team, and must be consistent with the way the location is used by the general public. Respite in these locations may not exceed seventy-two (72) continuous hours.

DOES NOT INCLUDE Services shall not be reimbursable if the living unit is otherwise reserved for persons on a temporary leave of absence.

Respite cannot to be provided to members residing in the family, guardian or usual caregiver's home during the hours in which the usual caregiver is employed unless the member is in a residential camp setting.

Respite shall not be simultaneously reimbursed or provided with duplicative services under the waiver.

UNITS: A unit is 15 minutes.

MAXIMUM Up to the maximum per type of agency (home health agency, home care agency, nonfacility care, and facility) listed in IAC 441—79.1(2) and not to exceed \$311.97 per day or the facility per diem rate. A maximum of no more than fourteen consecutive days of 24 hour respite may be reimbursed.

Respite services provided to three or more individuals for a period exceeding 24 consecutive hours for individuals who require nursing care because of a mental or physical condition must be provided by a licensed health care facility as described in the Iowa Code chapter 135C.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process for the Children's Mental Health Waiver requires a coordinated effort between the Department of Human Services and other agencies on behalf of the prospective child. If you are currently working with Department of Human Services' personnel, please contact that person regarding the application process.

Please respond immediately to correspondence from an income maintenance worker, targeted case manager, or Integrated Health Home. This will decrease the amount of time needed to complete the application process and assist in communication.

1. Application for Medicaid (Title XIX) and the CMH Waiver are made with an Income Maintenance worker (IM) at the local DHS office. The IM Worker will secure a payment slot or put the member's name on a waiting list. Upon availability of a payment slot, the IM initiate the application process, obtain financial information from the family to determine the child's Medicaid eligibility, and refer the child and family to a Medicaid targeted case manager (TCM) or Integrated Health Home (IHH) who works near the child's home county.
2. The TCM or IHH will contact the family to schedule a meeting with the child and family to complete a level of care agreement. The assessment must be completed as one of the eligibility requirements for the CMH Waiver. At the time of this meeting, the family will also need documentation within the past twelve months from a psychiatrist, psychologist, or certified mental health professional that the child has a mental health diagnosis of serious emotional disturbance (SED). The TCM or IHH will send the completed assessment and verification of SED diagnosis to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) Medical Services. IME Medical Services will review the documentation submitted and make a determination if the child meets the level of care.
3. After the level of care has been completed and the child has been found eligible for the waiver, the TCM or IHH will convene an interdisciplinary team (IDT) meeting. The IDT will determine the services that are needed, the amount of service to be provided and the provider(s) of the services. The end result of the IDT decisions will be the development of an individual comprehensive plan.
4. The Individualized Services Information System (ISIS) process must be completed, with the culmination of an approved service plan entered into ISIS system for authorization of payment for CMH Waiver services.
5. The TCM or IHH will issue a Notice of Decision to the family and to the selected service providers if the child is approved to receive the CMH Waiver services.